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For: Ultrasonic Sensor For Detecting the Dispensing of a Product

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 with a copy thereof.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

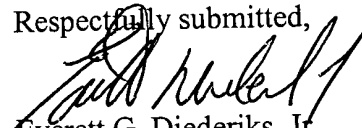
Each of the cited Japanese patent documents in the Information Disclosure Statement generally pertains to a vending machine incorporating a commodity or product sensing arrangement. Abstracts in English are being provided to aid the Examiner in considering the potential relevancy of the cited documents.

CERTIFICATION

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the filing date of and/or prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,


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U.S. Patent Documents

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Patentee/Applicant	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	4,359,147	11/82	LEVASSEUR			
	4,784,251	11/88	DE WOOLFSON ET AL.			
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Foreign Patent Documents

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Publication Date	Country/Agency	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No
	407249161	09/95	Japan				
	2001221677	08/01	Japan				
	407160935	06/95	Japan				

Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Place of Publication, Etc.)

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